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This is a request for filing a

Continuation Divisional

Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number **09/393,745**
 Filed on September 10, 1999

of (inventor(s)): **Masakazu MURAKAMI et al****ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION:**

THE FURUKAWA ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
 6-1 Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku,
 Tokyo, JAPAN

Entitled: **ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BOX**

1a. Enclosed is specification, claims and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.

1b. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application (which was filed in the Japanese language without a Declaration), along with a copy of the Accurate English translation which was filed on November 15, 2000 and which included new corrected Formal Drawings and a copy of the Oath or Declaration.

1c. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

1d. Paper entitled **Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)**.

2. **FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:**

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	<u>3</u>	<u>-20</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>x \$18.00 = \$</u>
Independent Claims	<u>1</u>	<u>- 3</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>x \$80.00 = \$</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			<u>+ \$270.00 =</u>	<u>\$</u>
			BASIC FEE	\$ 710.00
			Total of above Calculations	\$ 710.00

3. To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

4. A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed.

5. Cancel claims 1-8 (SEE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT)

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [] continuation, [X] division of application Serial Number 09/393,745 filed September 10, 1999.

7. [x] New formal drawings are enclosed. 8 Sheets, Figs. 1-12 (SEE LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON)

8. [x] The prior application is assigned to The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.

9. [] Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. .
Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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2a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

13. [X] Address all future communications to:

14. [x] Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-259805
Filed: September 14, 1998

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-278659
Filed: September 30, 1998

Certified copy(ies) filed on November 15, 1999
in said application Serial No. 09/393,745

15. [x] Information Disclosure Statement

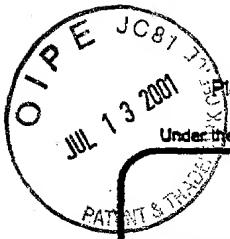
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16. [x] Letter to Official Draftsperson

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Applicant(s): Masakazu MURAKAMI, ET AL

Serial No. : 09/393,745

Filed : September 10, 1999

For : ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BOX

Art Unit : 2833

Examiner : R. GUSHI

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST
FOR RCE MAILED JULY 6, 2001**

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S I R :

Responsive to the Patent Office NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINER (RCE) (Form PTO-2051) mailed July 6, 2001,
submitted herewith are the following:

1. Petition for a second one-month extension of time for responding
to the outstanding Office Action in parent application Serial No.
09/393,745 (extending the term to July 14, 2001); and
2. Request for filing Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b),
along with supporting documents.

It is respectfully submitted that the Divisional Application
filed herewith under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is proper and it is respectfully
requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed in the new
Divisional Application filed concurrently herewith.

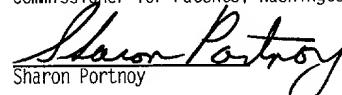
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